

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
)
APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES)
)
FOR STEUBEN COUNTY)

Case No. 76S00-1308-MS- 549

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The judges of the Steuben Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for special judge selection in accordance with Ind. Trial Rule 79. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Steuben Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR76-TR79-5 complies with the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 79, and accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that Steuben County Local Rule, LR76-TR79-5, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective August 15, 2013, provided further that the rule shall be posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. William C. Fee, Steuben Superior Court, 55 South Public Square, Angola, IN 46703-0327; the Hon. Allen N. Wheat, Steuben Circuit Court, 55 South Public Square, Angola, IN 46703-0327; to the Clerk of the Steuben Circuit and Superior Courts; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Steuben Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 19, 2013.

Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR76-TR79-5 Special Judge Appointments

A. Whenever selection of a special judge is required under Ind. Trial Rule 76 or Ind. Trial Rule 79(H), the following shall be the exclusive method for selecting the special judge.

B. Within seven (7) days of the notation in the Chronological Case Summary of the order granting a change of judge or an order of disqualification, the parties may agree to an eligible special judge. The parties shall advise the Court in writing of the special judge agreed upon, or, of their inability to reach agreement.

C. If the parties should be unable to agree upon the appointment of a special judge, the Clerk of the Court shall appoint the special judge from a rotating panel. The panel shall consist of judges and magistrates sitting in Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange and Noble County.

D. This Local Administrative Rule does not apply to the selection of special judges in criminal cases.

**STEBEN COUNTY COURTS
LOCAL RULE AMENDMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF)
COUNTY LOCAL RULE)
LR76-TR79-5)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS AND TIME FOR COMMENTS

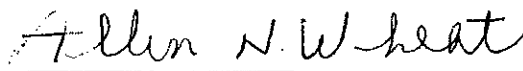
The Judges of the Steuben Circuit and Superior Courts have determined that amendments are necessary to local rule LR76-TR79-5, in order to comply with the requirements of Trial Rule 79. Therefore, pursuant to Trial Rule 81(B), we give Notice of proposed amendments to the above local rule as indicated below and find good cause to deviate from the schedule for amending local court rules under Trial Rule 81(D). All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~strike through~~. These amendments will be effective on **August 15, 2013** after posting for thirty (30) days in the county clerk's office and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website, and upon approval of the Indiana Supreme Court.

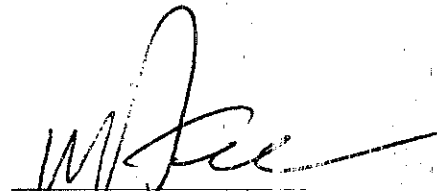
Comments may be made until **August 9, 2013** to:

Judge William C. Fee
Steuben Superior Court
55 South Public Square
Angola, IN 46703
wfee@co.steuben.in.us

This notice shall be provided to the Division of State Court Administration, to the Clerk of Steuben County for posting in the Office of said Clerk and on the website of said Office if applicable, and to the Steuben County Bar Association.

All of which is Ordered this 10th day of July, 2013.


Allen N. Wheat
Steuben Circuit Court


William C. Fee
Steuben Superior Court